

LGV - DRIVING TEST

UNCOUPLING & COUPLING

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When a candidate takes a driving test for any category with a trailer attached, their ability to uncouple and couple the trailer must be tested practically. The exercise can be carried out at either the start or end of the road drive. The examiner will observe and control the exercise from outside the vehicle. The following procedure should be followed when either coupling or uncoupling the trailer to the tractor unit.

THE EXAMINER WILL ASK YOU TO UNCOUPLE AND REVERSE THE TRACTOR UNIT ALONGSIDE THE TRAILER.

THE UNCOUPLING SEQUENCE

- B ■ APPLY THE TRAILER PARKING BRAKE.**
- L ■ Lower the landing Legs and stow away the winding handle.**
- A ■ Disconnect the Air lines and electrical leads and stow away.**
- C ■ lift the Clip and (5th Wheel)**
- K ■ Pull the Kingpin**

THE EXAMINER WILL NOW ASK YOU TO CARRY OUT YOUR PRE-SAFETY CHECKS ON THE TRAILER AND COUPLE UP TO IT AS IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT BEFORE.

- **GO TO THE TRAILER AND PHYSICALLY CHECK THAT THE TRAILER BRAKE IS ON**
- **Walk round check, is the trailer road legal. Tyres, lights, MOT, Plating certificate & bodywork condition.**
- **Drive forward and reverse up to the trailer stopping approx. 3 feet away.**
- **Get out of the cab and visually check that the tractor unit is at the correct height for the trailer**
- **Slowly reverse up to the trailer until you hear the 5th wheel kingpin mechanism lock into place**